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NO OMELET WITHOUT THE BREAKING OF EGGS.

With line upon line, and precept upor precept, enforced by warning examples and startling signs of the times, the Virginian-Pilot sedulously seeks to arouse the vigilance of the people to the dangers that surround and menace their rights and interests, some of which are already sacrificed to the conspirators that now so largely dominate this country in all its public and private affairs, State, national and munic Ipal. It has come to pass that Democrat cannot trust Democrat, nor Republican, Republican. Party profession and party position are no longer any guaranties of good faith either as to principles, policies, or parties; and as we saw under Cleveland the foudest proclamation of the purest Democracy may cover a zealous rivalry with Re publican subservience to the moneypower. This evil pervades all parties ulike, and in all their organizations, to the lowest sub-divisions.

What is to be done about it? The Virginian-Pilot has long exhorted the people, as this is a representative self-government, to choose better and truer men for office, not only in the public government, but in the party government; but recent revelations show Virginians that it is in vain that they, or any people, endeavor to reform their representation so long as a practically self-perpetuating organization is their tyrant, to dictate nominations, forms, men, measures and everything, at their sweet will. In concert with certain self-elected leaders on the outside, every organization forms a cabal which sets itself up as the Democratic party of the city, county, &c., and these usurpers form or dictate the State Committee, which, in its turn, names the men for the National Committee. And thus it is that we have no real voice in any of our public affairs. We have surrendered our rights, liberties gance superseded by economy in all deand manhood to an oligarchic system of partments of government, and we ask organization which wields the party and masters the people for its purposes, whatever these may be, in utter contempt of principle, party and people.

The obvious remedy is reform. A thorough reformation, from top to bottom, in the constitution and personnel of our organization. And the only way to begin this is to begin it at home, and with a deal of resolute smashing. But right and truth are "curtail dogs in some affairs," and especially in public affairs, unless they have brave and able leaders in men of high character, whom everyone respects and trusts. With such men in front, the movement for reform, once begun, is sure to succeed; without them, mild talking and milder action will all result in failure, powerful. But is any community today without the right and true men to do not believe it. As long as things are tolerable, they hear and forbear, Unaccustomed to politics and modestly shrinking from public prominence in anything, they closely attend to their own private business, and leave public and the rascality of the unscrupulous. matters to others. Yet if these others are betraying their trust and running and ruling things and men to forward their own ambitions and personal interests, with detriment to every right and interest?

In such case, no man can neglect his duty as a patriot and citizen. At the

quickly to the rescue. Now is such a case. Now every man who believes in the true Democracy enunciated in 1836 and represented so ably by William J. Bryan must join his fellow-citizens to baffle the traitors who are scheming to betray Democracy, Virginia and the peope to the money-power. Washington, for liberty, the richest man in America, led the revolution of 1776. Are all rich men traitors to their fellow-men and right? No! never! Gentlemen, now is the time for action, or treason in 1900 will deliver the Democracy of Virginia to its enemies and those of Mr. Bryan and liberty.

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM.

The people-all of us-want more money, and a plenty of it; and the masses of the people are starving for currency, or any circulating medium. The supply of free and unlimited silver coinage, that once blessed us and our fathers for over a century of uninterrupted presperity and happiness, has been cut off for over twenty-six lean years for labor and production, no matter how fat they may have been for the cornerers and monopolizers of the money left by demonetization and contraction. Even speculation in the money-centres, after depriving the country at large of a circulating medium for lo! these many stringent years, now feels the pinch of moneyscarcity and is obliged to confess that even they are menaced with a money-

Therefore, confronted by a condition, and no longer dupes of a theory, we want more money-all we can get from every natural and lawful source-and we demand the restoration of our constitutional silver and its free and unlimited coinage, at the ratio of 16 to 1, its fixed value as money all the world over. We need the money for our labor and productions, and to furnish employment at competitive wages, with enhancing markets for our wares and advancing values for our lands, and all our property; and without more money and an abundance of it, we shall never again realize and enjoy these things We want not only more silver-all of it-but all the gold that can be produced, with large issues of more greenbacks, no longer under the ban of "the endless chain which falls link from link in the presence of both silver and gold, the legal-tenders provided especially by Article I., Section X., Clause 1, of the Constitution of the United States, and still unrepealed, though violated most grossly by the silver demonetizing act of February 12, 1873.

That will bring salvation of itself, as we know from past experience, before we had monometallism and its consequent contraction of the currency,-for gold, no matter what its amount, never was and never will be a currency with the people while it is so soft and costly -being as soft as lead and sixteen times more costly than silver per weight; nor can it ever be used by the people as a currency until it becomes cheaper than silver and circulates a coin and not as bullion to be weighed, though bearing the stamp of the government's mint!

We desire a definite and final stop put to the issue of interest-bearing bonds in time of peace, and to free banknotes for national banks, and we de mand a currency from the government, whose duty it is to supply it direct to the people, without parting with its sacred trusts and sovereign prerogatives for private gain to any person or set of persons-government alone having power to coin, make and issue money. And we want a tariff for revenue, without discriminating between sections, or materials, or products; and we demand the repeal of the internal revenue, with its so-called war-taxes, when the war ended 35 years ago. Down with trusts and all monopolies, with only such allowance of limited corporations as may be necessary to accomplish legitimate purposes without interference with free competition for all. We want extravandless squandering of useless wars, and especially of war for subjugation and conquest-"criminal aggression" against human rights and liberties, at home or abroad.

The people want a government very different from McKinley's, with widely variant policies, and if McKinley is re elected, they may expect to have added to what they opposed and nounced in 1896, and nothing that they demanded, an imperial colonial policy, with a standing army and the militarism that it implies in our domestic affairs, as well as in foreign wars of conquest; expansion and subjection; a reign of money-power, monopoly, trusts and the destruction of free competition and of all independent labor and enterprise; more and more contraction of with the usurpers the more insolent and the currency, and all cries for relief responded to by impossible gold and certificates of large amounts; all to clispeak and act for right and truth? We max in a servitude to the banks and the loss of all real liberty. The people are in hostility to all these undemocratic and unrepublican policies, that appeal only to the arrogance of the wealthy, the ambition of the soldier,

They must rally to the Democratic party for safety, deliverance and prosperity; and the Democracy must be true to Bryan, silver and the Chicago platform, with such additions as Mc-Kinley's imperial and money-subservient policies force upon us; and all of us, with the help of God and all true it is; and it is the outside covetousness call of his country, his State, his home men must go to battle to the death, if of capital, backed by our lobby, that is

THE POLITICAL PARSON

The political parson, the business parson, the lawyer parson, the speculative parson, and the quarrelsome and milltant parson are generally regarded as questionable and undesirable persons to deal with, and any community endowed with the presence of one of them is usually unhappy until he seeks "fresh fields and pastures new," as he has to do, sooner or later, if he can. Virginia has had some, of various denomina-tions; but of whatever faith and order they have not, as a rule, proved persona grata. A parson is expected to be, in a special sense, a servant of God, and as such his aberrations into secular and profane vocations is considered out of order and to bode mischief.

Yet the Republican party seems to be specially addicted to political parsons, or political parsons appear to be pecu liarly adapted to the Republican work, particularly when the parson is "personally conducted" by some old partisan and electioneering expert, who has no convictions, sentiments, nor scruples. Thus Parson McKinley is a local preacher, with the cant and ways of his tribe; and the saintly and martyred Garfield, and Hayes, who allowed Tilden's Southern votes to be counted for him. If Harrison was not a political parson, "a Pharisee of the straightest sect," then he aped one in all his walk, talk and conversation-his sanctimonious air, tone, voice, speech, manner and look being all modeled after Mr Pecksniff, of pious memory. With the g. o. p., the combination of Blifel and Black George, of the Puritan and the black-leg, or ballot-box stuffer, seem to be a favorite one; and it is indeed a necessary one so long as the post-bel lum system obtains of substituting the

count and returns for the vote. On the first Sunday of his campaign tour in the West, with his Cabinet, Mc-Kinley played the political parson with success-preaching three times that day in a way that showed how the local preacher knew still the art of making a partisan speech in term's of stern disclaimer, and how to preach of war and Bill McKinley while pretending to speak of righteousness and peace. The people are tired of the political parson of Ohio, even with Hanna, the sharper, thrown in.

THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

At the beginning of a shameful war

conds, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations as such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

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DATCHY

Weak and few as we were, we boldly made that claim, and bravely undertook to uphold it, "with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence and "a mutual pledge to each other of our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." After a war of eight years, England agreed to that summary of rights, and recognized the rights, libertics and independence of her former colonies in "the United States of Amer ica."

Are these the rights England is fight ing "for" in the Transvaul? No: she is fighting "against" the rights of man, as sense in which they may be employed KNOWN DR. FIREY FOR 9 OR 10 men "for" their lives and prop as England now assails the Transvaal "for" her gold, her liberty, her independence, and her very existsence.

THE OYSTER INTEREST.

The Virginian-Pilot is glad to see in our contemporaries, all over the State, some wise and liberal views on what is known as "the oyster interest;" and we are all the more rejoiced to find in the lead of these our able contemporary of Richmond, the Dispatch, which squarely opposes the Richmond Times as to oysters-the latter advocating the taking away of this bounty of heaven and natural right of the people, and turning it over to aliens and strangers in trusts and speculations that will make it a larceny for a Virginian to catch an oyster.

Referring to one of the two pending constitutional amendments that are to be submitted again to the next Legislature, the Dispatch says:

"The proposition is to strike from the State Constitution the present provision against imposing a license tax upon tongmen. That, of course, is an important matter. Doubtless the debate which may be expected will take a wide range; but we think we may say that most people are well satisfied with the present cyster law. All those who used to talk about there being "millions of money" for the State in cysters are not dead, but some of them have been converted."

. The Dispatch is right: Virginians far prefer to let the constitution remain as and his fellow country-men, every true need be, against the bribery, corruptually pushing this amendment. We have had man quits his retirement and steps tion and fraud of Hanna and his gang, the "land-grabbers' law," which was

still more cruel and infamous. There may be "money in the oyster-fisheries" for syndicates and monopolies, as there citizens, so dishonorably put to the grabbing and harrying of private inquisition and its tortures; but the peo-ple are sick of such schemes of oppression and plunder and the State degrades

authority to them. dition of "The State," in which the Dispatch sees much reform and Improvement in some directions, it speaks further of our "natives:"

herself by lending her countenance and

ther of our "natives:"

"The condition of the oyster industry with respect to the State's finances is more satisfactory than it ever has been. The showing made this year is encouraging, but still better things may be expected in the future. The present State policy, if conservatively pursued, will make the oyster beds a reliable source of revenue; but it will never enable Virginia to 'do away with her land tax,' as some persons have foolishly said. Live and let live, should be Virginia's motto with reference to the oystermen."

That is very sensible and just; and we cannot see why well enough cannot be let alone, instead of an eternal effor to invite and incite cunning, cruelty and avarice to selze on all God's charl ties and bounties to the people, so that they may be walled in and guarded to make the rich richer and the poor

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

SHE SENATORIAL RACE.

THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED. (South Boston News.)

The fact is, the people have become horoughly disgusted with machine nethods; and well they may, when it is possible for such an insignificant ninurity as that which espoused the ause of Thomas S. Martin to dominate the county convention—as was recently cause of Thomas S. Martin to dominate the county convention—as was recently done—and thus folst upon the people candidates instructed to vote for a man for United States Senator positively against the will of perhaps two-thirds of the Democratic voters of the security.

thirds of the Democratic voters of the country.
That state of affairs cannot last. The great mass of Democratic voters will not tolerate such outrageous methods as have recently been enacted in the name of the Democratic party of the country—a travesty against the true principles of Democracy.

THE THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

At the beginning of a shameful war of conquest, subjugation and oppression in the Transvaal, it is announced for England by Mr. Balfour that she is fighting "for the rights of man." Can so preposterous an allegation be accepted as truth by any rational being? What are the rights of man? Our fathers and England differed very widely as to these long before the 4th of July, 1776; but on that date the people of these then acknowledged British colonies made a solemn and formal declaration of separation and independence, in which they said:

"That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable RIGHTS; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these RIGHTS, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a (Northern Neck News.)

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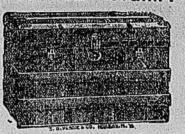
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